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Letter dated 28 April 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of violations of the terms of ceasefire between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq, committed by the Iraqi side between 16 August 1999 and 25 September 1999 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ceasefire violations and incursions

1. On 16 August 1999, Iraqi forces set up an observing post at coordinates 939R TP/TQ 15000-950000 on the map of Nim-Istgah-e-Navad, to the south-west of border pillar 7/9.

2. On 14 August 1999, at 1930 hours, 10 Iraqi soldiers, armed and dressed in civilian clothes, started shooting at the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran at coordinates 38S NC 46000-54000 on the map of southern Naft Shahr. In this engagement, one Iraqi soldier was killed and another captured.

3. On 13 August 1999, at 1025 hours, a mechanical shovel was spotted at coordinates 38S NC 64000-22000 on the map of Coni-Sheikh, digging a canal.

4. On 12 August 1999, at 1500 hours, four Iraqi soldiers, probably intelligence officers, infiltrated the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran and engaged Iranian forces. As a result, two Iraqi soldiers were killed and the other two, who were wounded, fled back into Iraqi territory. The names of the dead Iraqi soldiers are: Heidar Hemayat Hossein and Heidar Amir Mashkori.

5. On 15 August 1999, at 2000 hours, 9 Iraqis (3 men, 4 women and 2 children), who intended to illegally enter the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran at coordinates 39R TP 31900-57000 on the map of Khoramshahr, were arrested. Their names are: 1. Mohammad Abdullah Eidani, 2. Taleb Samad, 3. Bani Abdul Vahab, 4. Zahrah Mohammad, 5. Fatemeh Mohammad, 6. Zeinab Hassan, 7. Fakhri Seyed Ahmad, 8. Yaser Mohammad, 9. Nasser Mohammad.

6. On 21 August 1999, 10 Iraqi soldiers set up an observation post at coordinate 39R TP/TQ 15000-74000 on the map of Khoramshahr.

7. On 16 August 1999, at 2200 hours, and on 17 August 1999, at 0025 hours, Iraqi military forces fired 9 shots, as well as several tracers, at the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran at coordinates 38R QV 50000-70000 on the map of south Hoor-ul-Hoveizeh.

8. On 16 August 1999, Iraqi forces set up an observation post at coordinates 939R TP/TQ 15500-95000 on the map of Nim-Istgah Navad.

9. On 26 August 1999, at 2000 hours, Iraqi forces fired 2 mortar shells into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran. They exploded at coordinates 38R QV 58000-58000 on the map of west Jofeir, to the north-east of border pillar 14/A5.

10. On 16 August 1999, at 1138 hours, a white Iraqi patrol boat, powered by a Johnson outboard and carrying 3 individuals, was spotted patrolling the Brim portal area, at coordinates 36600-59700 on the map of Abadan.

11. On 3 September 1999, Iraqi forces established a new base at coordinates 38R QV/QA 56000-52000 on the map of west Jofeir, between 14/A5 and 14/A4 border pillars, and planted the Iraqi flag on top of it.

12. On 31 August 1999, at 0820 hours, 10 Iraqi soldiers were spotted digging stronghold at coordinates 38S NC/ND on the map of Khosravi.

13. On 31 August 1999, at 1200 to 1600 hours, a mechanical shovel was spotted at coordinates 38S NB/PB 97000-65000 on the map of Mehran, digging a canal.

14. On 2 September 1999, at 2330 hours, an Iraqi, armed with a bayonet, was arrested by Iranian forces at coordinates 38S QA 54000-46000 on the map of Yebis, at base No. 3, while attempting to infiltrate the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Other events

1. On 17 August 1999, a number of armed Iraqi soldiers were spotted filming at coordinates 39R TQ 16000-20000 on the map of Hosseinieh. The Iraqis left the area after 10 minutes.

2. On 16 August 1999, 3 Iraqi vehicles carrying 11 individuals were spotted in the vicinity of coordinates 39R TP/TQ 15000-82000 on the map of Navad.

3. On 17 August 1999, a column of Iraqi military vehicles was spotted on the move in the vicinity of coordinates 39R TP 44000-50000 on the map of Abadan.

4. On 15 August 1999, at 0905 hours, an Iraqi loader truck accompanied by 3 Mercedes Benz trucks was spotted excavating at coordinates 39R TP 44000-50000 on the map of Abadan.

5. On 16 August 1999, a new grey Iraqi military boat, equipped with 2 outboard motors and a wave guard, displaying no fishing markings, was spotted following an Islamic Republic of Iran army, crane-equipped barge near its port at coordinates 39R TP 50700-40800 on the map of Khosroabad.

6. On 31 August 1999, an Iraqi mechanical shovel was spotted at coordinates 38S NB/PB 96000-65000 on the map of Mehran, digging a canal.

7. On 25 September 1999, at 0830 hours, a khaki Toyota pickup carrying 5 individuals set out from Garmisheh outpost and entered and remained in coordinates 38S NB/PB — 09000-47000 on the map of southern Mehran.

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Letter dated 28 April 2000 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 18 April 2000 (S/2000/334) to me concerning the possibility of creating — in reference to paragraph 17 of Security Council resolution 1291 (2000) of 24 February 2000 — a panel of experts to undertake a preliminary investigation into reports of the illegal exploitation of natural resources and other forms of wealth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, *inter alia*, in violation of the sovereignty of that country, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Council. Members of the Council also note the letter dated 26 April 2000 (S/2000/350) from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to me on this issue. Members of the Council are giving full and active consideration to the creation of such an expert group and intend to take a decision on this matter expeditiously, taking into account, *inter alia*, the conclusions of the Council mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(*Signed*) Robert R. **Fowler**
President of the Security Council

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